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GOLD MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to revive certain gold mines wherein adequate quantity of gold is likely to be produced during the next 15 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study/survey to discover unexplored gold reserves in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to put in use the state-of-art technology for extraction of more gold at less expense and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. There is no such proposal.

(c) & (d) The exploration is a continuous process and evaluation of quantity of reserves of minerals is carried out on the basis of survey of minerals. A number of exploration agencies like GSI, MECL, State/Central undertakings and private companies are engaged in the exploration of mineral deposits. The exploration activities carried out by various agencies for gold in the country during the years 2010-11 to 2012-13 is given in Annexure.

(e) No such proposal is under consideration by Ministry of Mines, Government of India.